

AN  
ORDINANCE  
OF THE  
LORDS and COMMONS,  
Asssembled in Parliament.

For  
The Calling of an Assembly  
Of  
Learned, and Godly Divines to be  
consulted with by the PARLIAMENT,

For the Setling  
Of the Governement and Liturgy,  
of the CHURCH of ENGLAND,

And for Vindicating and Clearing  
the Doctrine of the said Church, from false  
Aspersions and Interpretations ; as shall be  
most agreeable to the Word of God.

*With the Names of all the Ministers appointed for the same.*

Die Lunæ, 12 Jun. 1643.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons asssembled in Parliament, that this  
Ordinance be forthwith printed and published.

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An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons  
in Parliament, for the calling of an Assembly of learned  
and godly Divines, and others, to be consulted with, by the Parlia-  
ment, for the setting of the Government and Liturgy of the  
Church of *England*, and for vindicating and clearing of the Doctrine  
of the said Church from false aspersions, and interpretations.

**W**hereas amongst the infinite blessings of Almighty God  
upon this Nation, none is, or can be more deare unto us,  
then the purity of our Religion, and for that as yet ma-  
ny things remaine in the Liturgy, Discipline and Go-  
vernment of the Church, which doe necessarily require  
a further and more perfect Reformation, then as yet hath been attai-  
ned: And whereas it hath been declared and resolved by the Lords  
and Commons assembled in Parliament, That the present Church-  
government by Archbishops, Bishops, their Chancellors, Commis-  
saries Deanes, Deanes and Chapters, Archdeacons, and other Eccle-  
siasticall Officers depending upon the Hierarchy, is evill and justly  
offensive and burthensome to the Kingdome, a great impediment to  
reformation and growth of Religion, and very prejudiciall to the state  
and government of this Kingdome, and that therefore they are re-  
solved that the same shall be taken away, and that such a government  
shall be settled in the Church, as may be most agreeable to Gods holy  
word, and most apt to procure and preserve the peace of the Church  
at home, and nearer agreement with the Church of Scotland, and o-  
ther reformed Churches abroad, and for the better effecting hereof,



and for the vindicating, and clearing of the doctrine of the Church of England from all false calumnies and aspersions, It is thought fit and necessary to call an Assembly of learned, godly, and judicious Divines, to consult and advise of such matters and things, touching the premises, as shall be proposed unto them by both or either of the Houses of Parliament, and to give their advice & counsell therein, to both or either of the said Houses, when, and as often as they shall be thereunto required. Be it therefore ordained by the Lords and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, That all and every the persons hereafter in this present Ordinance named, that is to say, Algernon Earle of Northumberland, William Earle of Bedford, Phillip Earle of Pembroke and Montgomery, William Earle of Salisbury, Henry Earle of Holland, Edward Earle of Manchester, William Lord Viscount Say and Seale, Edward Lord Viscount Conway, Phillip Lord Wharton, Edward Lord Howard of Effr. John Selden Esqu. Francis Rows Esqu. Edmund Prideaux Esqu. Sir Henry Vane Knight *senior*, Iohn Glyn Esqu. Recorder of London, Iohn White Esqu. Bouldstrod Whitlocke Esqu. Humphrey Salloway Esqu. Mr. Serjeant Wild, Oliver Saint Iohn Esqu. His Majesties Solicitor, Sir Benjamin Rudyard Knight, Iohn Pym Esqu. Sir Iohn Clotworthy Knight, Iohn Maynard Esqu. Sir Henry Vane Knight *junior*, William Pierpoint Esqu. William Wheeler Esqu. Sir Thomas Barrington Knight, Mr. Young Esqu. Sir Iohn Evelin Knight. Herbert Palmer of Ashwell Batchelloz in Divinity, Oliver Boles of Sutton Batchelloz in Divinity, Henry Wilkinson of Maddesden Batchelloz in Divinity, Thomas Valentine of Chalfont Giles Batchelloz in Divinity, Dr. William Twist of Newbury, William Reynor of Egham, Mr. Hanniball Gammon of Maugan, Mr. Iasper Hicks of Lawricke, Dr. Hoyle late of Dublin in Ireland, William Bridges of Warrmouth, Thomas Wincop of Ellesworth Doctor in Divinity, Thomas Goodwin of London Batchelloz in Divinity, Iohn Ley of Budworth in Cheshire, Thomas Case of London, Iohn Pyne of Bereferrers, Mr. Whidden of Moreton, Dr. Richard Love of Ekington, Dr. William Gouge of Blackfriars London, Dr. Ralph Brownerigg Bishop of Exeter, Dr. Samuel Ward Master of Sidney

ney Colledge, Iohn White of Dorchester, Edward Peale of Compton,  
Stephen Marshall of Finchamfield Batchelloz in Divinity, Obediah  
Sedgewicke of Cogshall Batchelloz in Divinity, M. Carter, Peter  
Clerke of Carnaby, William New of Elington Batchelloz in Divi-  
nity, Richard Capell of Hitchcombe, Theophilus Bathurst of Over-  
ton waterbyle, Phillip Nye of Kimbolton, D. Bocket Smith of  
Barkway, D. Cornelius Burges of Watford, Iohn Greene of Pen-  
combe, Stanley Gower of Brampton Bryan, Francis Taylor of Wal-  
ding, Thomas Wilson of Otham, Anthony Tuckney of Boston, Tho-  
mas Coleman of Bliton, Charles Herle of Winwicke, Richard Her-  
ricke of Manchester, Richard Cleyton of Showell, George Gibbs of  
Ayleston, D. Calibute Downing of Hackney, Jeremy Bourghes of  
Stepney, Edmund Calamy Batchelloz in Divinity, George Walker  
Batchelloz in Divinity, Ioseph Carroll of Lincolns Inne, Lazarus  
Seaman of London, D. Iohn Harris warden of Winchester Colledge,  
George Morley of Mildenhall, Edward Reynolds of Branson,  
Thomas Hill of Citchmarsh Batchelloz in Divinity, D. Robert  
Saunderson of Boothby Pannell, Iohn Foxcroft of Gorham, Iohn  
Jackson of Marske, William Carter of London, Thomas Thorough-  
good of Haddingham, Iohn Arrowsmith of Lynne, Robert Harris of  
Hanwell Batchelloz in Divinity, Robert Crosse of Lincolns Colledge  
Batchelloz in Divinity, Iames Archbishop of Armagh, D. Matthias  
Styles of Saint George Elcheape London, Samuel Gibson of Bur-  
ley, Ieremiah Whittacre of Stretton, D. Edmund Stanton of King-  
ston, D. Daniel Featley of Lambeth, Francis Coke of Worbhall,  
Iohn Lightfoote of Asheley, Edward Corbet of Merton Colledge  
Oxon, Samuel Heldersham of Felton, Iohn Langley of Westenderley,  
Christopher Tisdale of Upbusborne, Thomas Young of Stowmar-  
ket, Iohn Phillips of Wrentham, Humphrey Chambers of Claver-  
ton Batchelloz in Divinity, Iohn Conant of Lymington Batchelloz  
in Divinity, Henry Hall of Norwich Batchelloz in Divinity, Henry  
Hutton, Henry Scuddir of Colingborne, Thomas Baylie of Hamming-  
ford Bruce, Benjamine Pickering of Easthoateley, Henry Nye of  
Clapham, Arthur Sallaway of Seabernestoake, Sydrake Symphon of  
London, Anthony Burgesse of Sutton Coldfield, Richard Vines of  
Calcot,



Calcot, William Greenhill of Stepney, William Moreton of Newcastle, Richard Buckley, D. Thomas Temple of Battersey, Iosias Shute in Lombardstreet Batchelloz in Divinity, M. Nicholson, Thomas Gattaker of Rotherhithe Batchelloz in Divinity, James Weldy of Splatten, D. Christopher Pashley of Halwarden, Henry Tezer Batchelloz in Divinity, William Spurston of Hampden in Bucks. Francis Channell of Oxon, Edward Ellis of Gilsfield Batchelloz in Divinity, Dr. Iohn Hacket of S. Andrews Holborne, Samuel de la Place, Iohn de la March, Matthew Newcomen of Debham, William Lyford of Sherborne in Com. Dorset, M. Carter of Dinton in Com. Bucks. William Lance of Harrow in Middlesex, Thomas Hodges of Kensington in Com. Middlesex, Andreas Perne of Wilby in Com. Northampton, D. Thomas Westfield of S. Bartholomew le great London Bishop of Bristol, D. Henry Hammon of Penshurst in Kent, Nicholas Prophet of Harborough in Com. Wiltz, Peter Sterry of London, Iohn Erle of Bishopston in Com. Wiltz, M. Gibbon of Waltham, Henry Painter of Exeter Batchelloz in Divinity, M. Michelthwaite of Cheryburton, Dr. Wincop of S. Martins in the fields, M. Price of Pauls Church in Covent garden, Henry Wilkinson Batchelloz in Divinity, D. Richard Oldsworth Master of Emmanuell Colledge in Cambridge, M. William Duning of Coldaston, and such other person and persons, as shall be nominated and appointed by both Houses of Parliament, or so many of them as shall not be letted by sicknesse or other necessary impediment, shal meet and assemble, and are hereby required and enjoyned upon commons signed by the Clerkes of both Houses of Parliament, left at their severall respective dwellings, to meet and assemble themselves at Westminster in the Chappell called K. Henry the seventh's Chappell, on the first day of July in the yere of our Lord, one thousand six hundred forty three; and after the first meeting, bring at least of the number of forty, shall from time to time sit and be removed from place to place, and also that the said Assembly shall be dissolved in such manner as by both Houses of Parliament shall be directed; And the said persons, or so many of them as shall be so assembled, or sit, shall have power and authority, and are hereby likewise enjoyned from time to time

time during this present Parliament, or untill further Order be taken, by both the said Houses, to confer & treat amongst themselves, of such matters and things, touching and concerning the Liturgy, discipline & government of the Church of England, or the vindicating & clearing of the doctrine of the same from all false aspersions and misconstructions, as shall be proposed unto them by both or either of the said Houses of Parliament, and no other, & to deliver their Opinions and Advices of, or touching the matters aforesaid, as shall be most agreeable to the Word of God, to both or either of the said Houses, from time to time, in such manner and sort, as by both or either of the said Houses of Parliament, shall be required, & the same not to divulge by printing, writing or otherwise without the consent of both or either House of Parliament. And be it further Ordained by the authority aforesaid, that VVilliam Twist doctor in divinity shall sit in the Chaire as Prolocutor of the said Assembly, and if he happen to die or be letted by sicknesse or other necessary impediment, then such other person to be appointed in his place, as shall be agreed on by both the said Houses of Parliament; And in case, any difference of Opinion shall happen amongst the said persons so assembled, touching any the matters, that shall be proposed to them as aforesaid, that then they shall represent the same, together with the reasons thereof to both or either the said Houses respectively, to the end such further direction may be given therein, as shall be requisite in that behalfe. And be it further Ordained by the authority aforesaid, That for the Charges and Expences of the said Divines, and every of them, in attending the said service, there shall be allowed unto every of them that shall so attend, during the time of their said attendance, and for ten daies before and ten daies after the summe of foure shillings for every day, at the charges of the Commonwealth, at such time and in such manner as by both Houses of Parliament shall be appointed. And be it further Ordained, That all and every the said Divines, so as aforesaid required and enjoyned to meet and assemble, shall be freed & acquitted of and from every offence, forfeiture, penalty, losse or damage which shall or may arise or grow by reason of any non-residence or absence.



sence of them or any of them, from his or their, or any of their Church, Churches, or Cures, for, or in respect of their said attendance upon the said Service, any Law or Statute of Non-residence, or other Law or Statute enjoining their attendance upon their respective Ministries or Charges to the contrary thereof notwithstanding; And if any of the persons before named shall happen to die before the said Assembly shall be dissolved by Order of both Houses of Parliament, then such other person or persons shall be nominated and placed in the room and stead of such person and persons so dying, as by both the said Houses shall be thought fit and agreed upon: And every such person or persons so to be named shall have the like Power and Authority, Freedom, and acquittance to all intents and purposes, and also all such wages and allowances for the said service, during the time of his or their attendance, as to any other of the said persons in this Ordinance is by this Ordinance limited and appointed. Provided alwaies that this Ordinance or any thing therein contained, shall not give unto the persons aforesaid, or any of them, nor shall they in this Assembly assume to exercise any Jurisdiction, Power, or Authority Ecclesiasticall whatsoever, or any other Power, then is herein particularly expressed.

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